

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-8 as follows.

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method of manufacturing an electrode structure comprising the steps of:

coating a compound mixture, comprised of an electrode material, a binder and a solvent, onto a current-collecting member; and

directing a warm breeze 60-150°C and 0.1-3.0m/sec onto said coated compound mixture to gradually vaporize the solvent, thereby forming an electrode layer on the current-collecting member.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing an electrode structure according to claim 1 wherein the warm breeze is a dry breeze.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing an electrode structure according to claim 1, wherein the mixture contains an electrically conductive material.

Claims 5-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing an electrode structure according to claim 1, wherein the electrode material is coated with an ion-conductive polymer.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing an electrode structure according to claim 1, wherein the electrode structure is ~~used for the~~ formation of inserted in a battery component.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing an electrode structure according to claim 9, wherein the electrode material is coated with the ion-conductive polymer by press-sliding.